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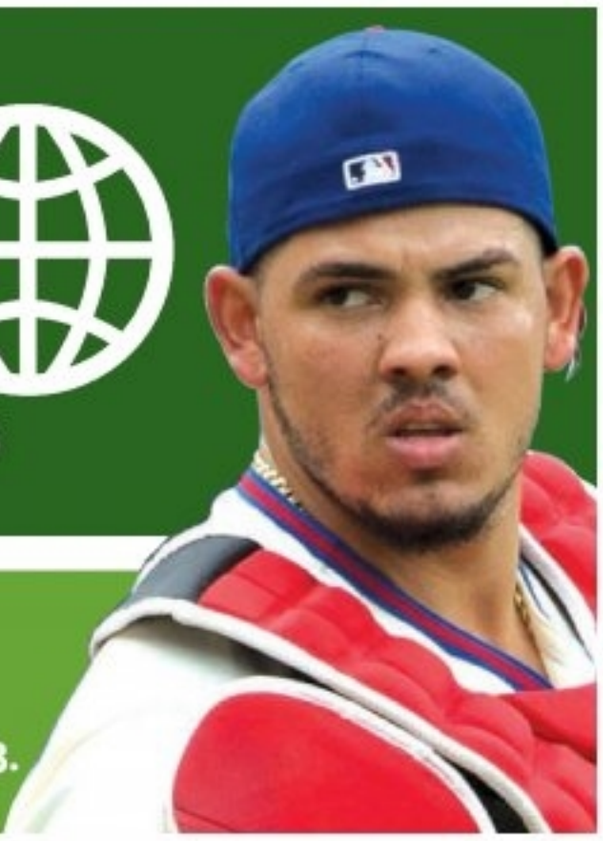

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TRUMP STANDS BY VOTER FRAUD BELIEF

1 President Donald Trump stands by his belief that millions of people voted illegally in the U.S. election, the White House said on Tuesday, despite widespread evidence to the contrary. "The president does believe that," White House spokesman Sean Spicer told reporters. State officials in charge of the Nov. 8 election have said they found no evidence of widespread voter fraud and there is no

history of it in U.S. elections. Even House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, the most senior Republican in Congress, said he had seen no evidence to back up Trump's claims. Trump lost the popular vote to Democratic rival Hillary Clinton by about 2.9 million. REUTERS

LEAD LEVELS FALL BELOW FEDERAL LIMITS IN FLINT

2 Lead levels in Flint, Michigan's drinking water have receded below federal limits, state officials said, although they cautioned residents to continue using filtered water as work went on to replace the city's lead pipes. Tests showed lead levels in the city's drinking water were 12 parts per billion (PPB) between July and December, below the federal limit of 15 PPB, Michigan officials said. Flint was under the control of a state-appointed emergency manager when it switched its water source from Lake Huron to the Flint River in April 2014. The more corrosive river water caused lead to leach from city pipes and go into the drinking water. Lead can cause various health problems and Flint's contaminated water has prompted dozens of lawsuits and criminal charges against several former government officials. REUTERS

GHW BUSH RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA

3 Former President George H.W. Bush, who has been in a Houston hospital for 10 days with pneumonia, is improving and has been sitting up, talking with physicians and returning phone calls, a spokesman for his office said on Tuesday. Bush, the country's oldest living ex-president at 92, on Monday was moved out of the intensive-care unit at Houston Methodist Hospital, where he's been since

Jan. 14 after experiencing shortness of breath. "President Bush had another good night's rest at Houston Methodist Hospital as he continues to recover from pneumonia," spokesman Jim McGrath said in a statement. REUTERS

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5 Filmmaker M. Night Shyamalan, right, shakes hands with Sixers center Joel Embiid prior to Tuesday night's game against the L.A. Clippers at the Wells Fargo Center.
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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

NO CHARGES FOR LA COPS WHO KILLED BLACK MAN

4 Two Los Angeles police officers who fatally shot an unarmed black man described by his lawyer as mentally challenged will face no criminal charges over the 2014 killing, the district attorney said, calling their actions "legally justified." The killing of Ezell Ford was one of many shootings of unarmed black men by law enforcement that triggered protests and fueled a renewed civil rights movement. In a redacted report, Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey said Officers Sharlton Wampler and Antonio Villegas spotted Ford leaving a "known gang area" on Aug. 11, 2014, and suspected he was trying to dispose of something illegal. As Wampler tried to apprehend Ford, the two men scuffled and ended up on the ground with Ford reaching for the officer's gun, according to the report. REUTERS

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WPHT talk-radio host Chris Stigall live on the air in his downtown Philadelphia studio on Jan. 19. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

A conservative voice draws an audience in heavily Democratic Philadelphia

One radio talk show host is taking on the liberals.

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Millions of women nationwide marched in opposition to President Donald Trump over the weekend, attracting a swarm of media attention for days.

But in Philadelphia, one conservative talk show host wasn't so impressed.

"There were countless women who would love to have marched with their 'sisters' over the weekend but weren't welcome. Pro-life women, for starters," said Chris Stigall, who hosts a morning talk show on 1210 WPHT Philadelphia (a pro-life group was dropped from the march's official list of partners, but some pro-life women reportedly did attend anyway). "Couple that with Madonna's 'blow up the White House' rhetoric and pussy hats/vagina costumes, and to me, you have a movement that doesn't look unifying or inclusive. It looks unhinged and partisan."

Sure, he's just one person in an overwhelmingly Democratic city, but Stigall, 40, has an audience. The Missouri native who now lives in Philly blasts out his views during the morning commute, drawing a large audience, not to mention his 8,000 Twitter followers.

It's the kind of voice the people in Philly want to hear more of, said Joe DeFelice, executive director of the Philadelphia Republican Party.

DeFelice said Philly's media has been "extremely liberal," unlike the perspectives of Stigall and long-term Philly staple Dom Giordano, another conservative personality who broadcasts on 1210 AM.

"Sometimes they're writing for themselves instead of the people," DeFelice said, referring to the local news media. "Even after this election, even after Trump did what they all thought he couldn't have done, they kept up that tone-deafness and doubled down on their liberalism. I think it's a tremendous, tremendous disservice to the region."

With the election of Trump, media coverage focused on Russian influence and the rise of the "alt-right," which The Associated Press defines as "an offshoot of conservatism mixing racism, white nationalism and populism."

"I never understood what 'alt-right' was or what it means," Stigall said in an interview via email. "It's a made-up term to marginalize conservatives. If you're a small-government advocate, you must also be a racist. It's sick. Bigots, racists etc., are, have, and will always be among us, sadly. If some of those terrible people voted for the same guy I voted for — don't conflate me or my motivations with them."

"There were countless women who would love to have marched with their 'sisters' over the weekend but weren't welcome. Pro-life women, for starters."

Stigall

As for fears that Trump will bring about the apocalypse? Stigall disagreed, and said fears of an "authoritarian" federal government are greatly exaggerated.

"We're already in the middle of an authoritarian state," he said. It just happens to be one in which they're currently comfortable. It's their authoritarian — Barack Obama. So that makes it OK," Stigall said. "Most people didn't want and don't like Obamacare. Yet, it was literally forced on us anyway. ... Not everyone believes in gay marriage, but if you don't and you own a business — be prepared for all hell to rain down on you."

Agree or disagree with Trump in the White House, you might expect to be hearing a lot more of these types of views for the next four years. As for Trump, Stigall is hopeful but waiting to see if the new president fulfills his promises.

"I voted for him hoping to see a positive change in our economy, a stronger national defense and a reined-in judiciary," Stigall said. "I'm assuming, guaranteeing and betting on nothing."

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US ethics lawsuits against Trump part of groups' political strategy

Legal advocacy groups seeking to challenge President Donald Trump in court over alleged conflicts of interest said filing lawsuits is part of a larger strategy to highlight their concerns and put political pressure on the White House.

In a lawsuit, ethics watchdog Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington contended payments to Trump's businesses for hotel rooms and office leases run afoul of the emoluments clause of the Constitution, which forbids U.S. officeholders from accepting various gifts from foreign governments without congressional approval.

Trump on Monday called the lawsuit "without merit," and legal experts have noted significant barriers to success in court, such as whether the plaintiffs have standing to sue.

The American Civil Liberties Union is also preparing a lawsuit over Trump's alleged violations of the emoluments clause, said ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero. Beyond winning favorable rulings, cases can serve to "gum up the machinery of the government and rob the Trump administration of momentum," he said.

Lawsuits can also serve to frame the public debate and gain the attention of Congress and government officials, Romero said.

"This should be an area where we let a thousand legal flowers bloom," he told Reuters on Tuesday.

Laurence Tribe, one of the attorneys representing CREW, said the purpose of its lawsuit was to force Trump to abide by the Constitution, and that he felt confident they would achieve a favorable outcome in court.

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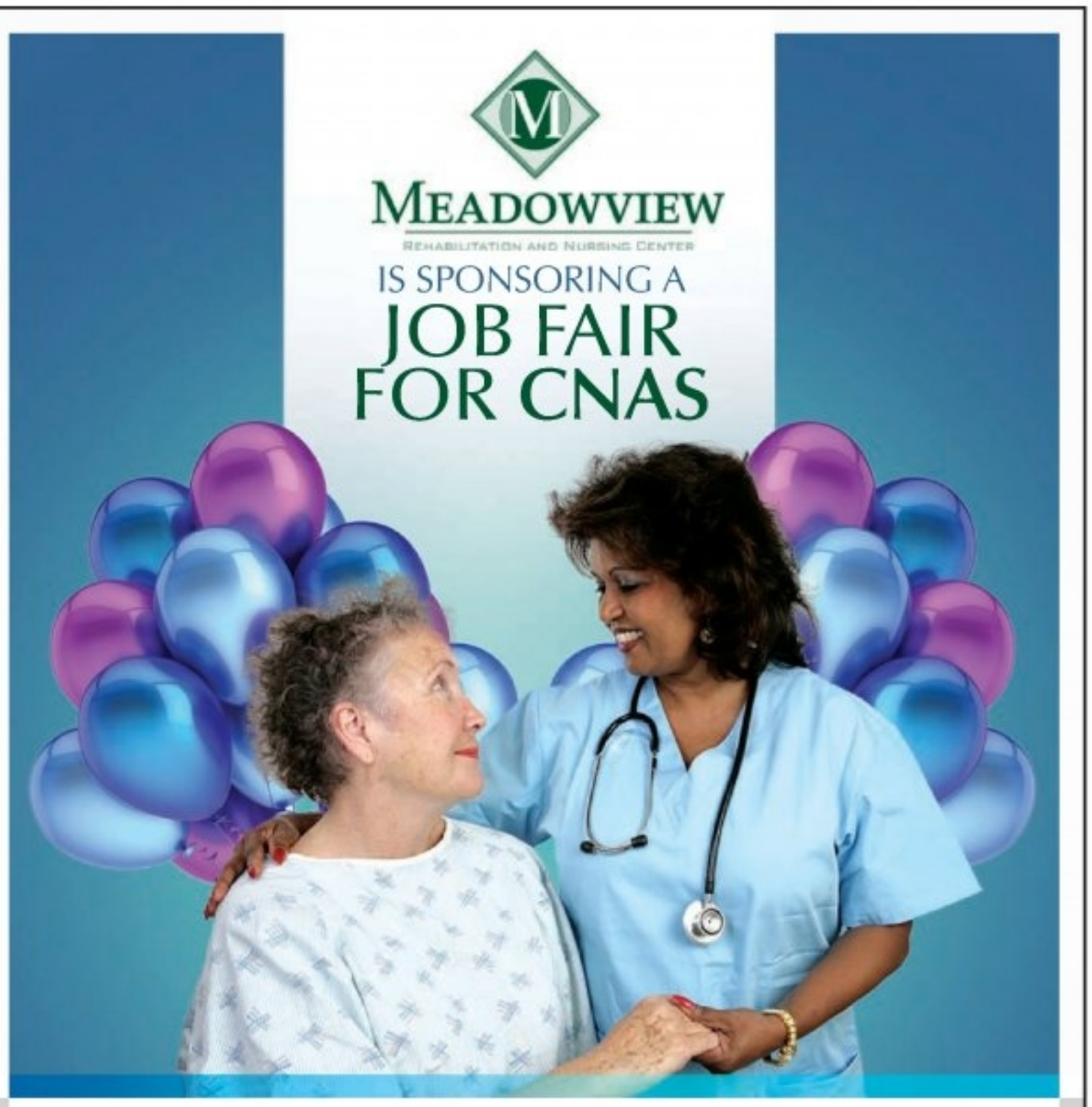
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Opinion

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There is a famous psychological test involving a video of people passing around basketballs. They are dodging in and out, circling around, some wearing white shirts and pants, some wearing black. The test subject is asked to count how many times the people in white pass the ball.

So the subject stares raptly, silently ticking off the numbers, and when it is done, he or she announces a tally. Whereupon the tester says "Fine. But did you see the gorilla?" In the middle of the video, a guy in a gorilla suit walks right through the middle of everything and most people are so intent on counting, they miss it.

Which brings us to the astonishing "alternative facts" the new White House has been heaving around. Since the election, D.C. has been in an uproar as the new administration has made claims about the record size of the inauguration audience, President Trump's win of the popular vote, and the millions of ballots supposedly cast by undocumented immigrants. All of which can be dismissed with a word: bunk.

But of course a lot more words have been bandied about. Critics have raged about Team Trump's seemingly cavalier attitude toward the truth. The White House has railed right back about how the media and others are always just trying to drag him down. And through it all, I wonder if the gorillas are just storming past.

See, while such easily disproven and outlandish claims are quick to excite public imagination and to infuriate the president's foes, they are also enormous distractions. They devour headlines and keep voters from focusing on things like, oh say, those confirmation hearings in which we might actually learn a thing or two about the new cabinet. They swallow the schedules of reporters who must spend yet another day re-checking a claim already proven false.

We — not just the media — all of us, need to quit being so easily lured off of the real task at hand. We are not here to count basketballs. We're looking for gorillas.

CONFIRMATION

US Senate confirms Haley as Trump's UN ambassador

The U.S. Senate voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday to confirm South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley as Ambassador to the United Nations on Tuesday, as President Donald Trump rounds out his national security team.

Ninety-six senators backed Haley, while four opposed her.

The only "no" votes came from three Democratic senators, Tom Udall, Chris Coons and Martin Heinrich, and Bernie Sanders, an independent who caucuses with Democrats.

While most lawmakers praised Haley, 45, a few expressed concerns about her lack of foreign policy experience. She has only ever held office in the U.S. state.

"The position of U.S. ambassador to the United Nations requires a high level of expertise on international affairs, not someone who will be learning on the job," Coons said.

Haley was easily approved earlier on Tuesday in the 21-member Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Only two Democratic committee members, Coons and Udall, objected to her then. REUTERS

Administration seeks to muzzle US agency employees

Employees at the Environmental Protection Agency, the Interior Department, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have seen directives from the newly minted leadership seeking to limit how they communicate to the public, according to multiple sources.

President Donald Trump's administration has moved in the past week to curb the flow of information from several government agencies involved in environmental issues in actions that may have been designed to discourage dissenting views.

The moves have reinforced concerns that Trump, a climate change doubter, could seek to sideline scientific research showing that carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels contributes to global warming, as well as the career staffers at the agencies that conduct much of this research.

All of the agencies affected by the actions have some input on issues related to the environment and have been involved in various efforts related to climate change, including effects on natural resources and human health.

On Tuesday, a source at the EPA said that staff had been told by members of the Trump administration not to speak to reporters or publish any press releases or blog posts on social media. EPA staff have also been asked not to publicize any talks, conferences, or webinars that had been planned for the next 60 days, the staffer said, asking not to be named.

Asked if the EPA had been gagged, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said on Tuesday: "I don't know ... we're looking into it. ... I don't think it's a surprise we're going to review the policies, but I don't have any info at this time."

The agency also was asked by the White House on Monday to temporarily halt all contracts and grants pending a review, according to multiple sources. The EPA awards billions of dollars worth of grants and contracts every year to support programs around environmental testing, cleanups and research.

"EPA staff have been reviewing grants and contracts information with the incoming transition team," EPA spokeswoman Julia Valentine said in a statement. "The goal is to complete the grants and contracts review by the close of business on Friday, Jan. 27."

Environmental groups reacted with outrage. New York's attorney general, Eric Schneiderman, said in reaction to the freeze that his office "will examine all legal options to ensure the EPA meets its obligations to keep our state's air and water safe."

U.S. Department of Agriculture employees on Monday were also informed in a memo seen by Reuters that all communications with the media should be approved by the administration, and social media posts should be reviewed by managers "to remove references to policy priorities and initiatives of the previous Administration."

The department, meanwhile, disavowed another email sent on Monday to its scientific research unit ordering the suspension of releasing "any public-facing documents," including news releases and photos, saying it was sent without permission and should not include a ban on publication of peer-reviewed scientific papers.

Officials at HHS also received a memo ordering them not to send "any correspondence" to other public officials. REUTERS

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer answers questions during the daily press briefing in the James Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House, January 24, 2017 in Washington, DC. GETTY IMAGES

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Trump clears way for controversial oil pipelines

Oil producers in Canada and North Dakota are expected to benefit from a quicker route for crude oil to U.S. Gulf Coast refiners. But going ahead with the pipelines would mark a bitter defeat for Native American tribes and climate activists.

President Donald Trump signed orders on Tuesday smoothing the path for the controversial Keystone XL and Dakota Access oil pipelines in a move to expand energy infrastructure and roll back key Obama administration environmental actions.

Trump campaigned on promises to increase domestic energy production. Before taking office he said the Dakota pipeline should be completed and that he would revive the C$8 billion ($6.1 billion) Keystone XL project, which was rejected in 2015 by then-President Barack Obama.

U.S. crude imports have fallen dramatically in recent years as domestic production has boomed, but the world's largest oil consumer still relies heavily on imports.

Even though Canada is already the biggest source of U.S. crude imports, boosting the flow from a close ally is seen in Washington as a way to improve U.S. energy security.

"It goes to show we as a nation build infrastructure that is part of a comprehensive energy plan to make our energy secure," Republican Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota told Reuters.

President Donald Trump displays one of five executive orders he signed related to the oil pipeline industry for a photograph in the Oval Office of the White House on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

TransCanada Corp. said it would resubmit an application for a permit for Keystone XL after Trump signed an order saying the company could re-apply. The application will be reviewed by the U.S. State Department, which has 60 days to reach a decision.

The orders look set to undo victories won by protesters in North Dakota against Energy Transfer Partners, which has nearly completed construction of the Dakota line. Despite the advanced phase of the project, the Obama administration in December denied the company a permit to tunnel under the Missouri River.

Protesters rallied for months against plans to route the $3.8 billion pipeline beneath a lake near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation, saying it threatened water resources and sacred Native American sites.

At one point, nearly 10,000 people had flocked to federal land in North Dakota, including 4,000 veterans after protests turned violent at times. The main protest camp has dwindled to several hundred after the Standing Rock tribe asked activists to leave when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied the easement.

In a statement on Tuesday, the Standing Rock Sioux said they would fight the orders.

"Americans know this pipeline was unfairly rerouted towards our nation and without our consent. The existing pipeline route risks infringing on our treaty rights, contaminating our water and the water of 17 million Americans downstream," said Dave Archambault II, chairman of the Standing Rock tribe.

The North Dakota Petroleum Council, the trade group for state oil producers relying on Dakota Access to expand their crude transport options, cheered Trump's order. About one million barrels a day are currently produced in North Dakota.

"We think this is a great step forward for energy security in America," said Ron Ness, the council's president.

The more than 800,000 bpd Keystone XL pipeline would bring heavy crude from Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast. The project was conceived nearly a decade ago, but since then the U.S. shale revolution has redefined oil flows, with domestic refiners finding themselves awash with supply and needing fewer imports.

Canadian Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr said in Calgary that Keystone XL has all the regulatory approvals it needs in Canada, and that the project would be "very positive for Canada."

Environmental activists campaigned against the Keystone XL pipeline for more than seven years, eventually winning a victory when Obama rejected the project in 2015.

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Syrian refugee children play near their family tent, located under a road bridge, in Piraeus Port in Greece. GETTY IMAGES

Trump expected to sign executive orders on immigration

Trump's restrictions on refugees are likely to include a multimonth ban on admissions from all countries until the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security can increase the intensity of the vetting process.

U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to sign several executive orders on Wednesday restricting immigration from Syria and six other Middle Eastern or African countries, according to several congressional aides and immigration experts briefed on the matter.

In addition to Syria, Trump's orders are expected to temporarily restrict access to the United States for most refugees. Another order will block visas from being issued to Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, said the aides and experts, who asked not to be identified.

The Republican president was expected to sign the orders at the Washington headquarters of the Department of Homeland Security, whose responsibilities include immigration and border security.

On the campaign trail, Trump initially proposed a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States to protect Americans from jihadist attacks. Many Trump supporters decried Democratic President Barack Obama's decision to increase the number of Syrian refugees admitted to the United States over fears that those fleeing the country's civil war would carry out attacks.

Both Trump and his nominee for attorney general, Sen. Jeff Sessions, have since said they would focus the restrictions on countries whose emigres could pose a threat rather than placing a ban on people who follow a specific religion.

To block entry from the designated countries, Trump is likely to instruct the U.S. State Department to stop issuing visas to people from those nations, according to sources familiar with the visa process. He could also instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to stop any current visa holders from those countries from entering the United States.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said on Tuesday that the State and Homeland Security departments would work on the vetting process once Trump's nominee to head the State Department, Rex Tillerson, is installed.

Other measures may include directing all agencies to finish work on a biometric identification system for noncitizens entering and exiting the United States and a crackdown on immigrants fraudulently receiving government benefits, according to the congressional aides and immigration experts.

To restrict illegal immigration, Trump has promised to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and to deport illegal migrants living inside the United States. None of the orders to be signed Wednesday are expected to focus on those issues.

Trump is also expected to swear in his new secretary of homeland security, retired Marine General John Kelly, on Wednesday. REUTERS

Five teams vying for Google prize to land spacecraft on the moon

The moon race is among nine XPrize contests currently underway. GETTY IMAGES

Five teams have qualified to compete in a $30 million Google-backed competition to land and operate robotic spacecraft on the surface of the moon, the XPrize Foundation said on Tuesday.

Contenders now have until Dec. 31 for their spacecraft to be launched, said the foundation, which is running the Google Lunar XPrize and eight other technology stimulus contests.

Previously, competitors needed to complete activities on the lunar surface, such as having their vehicles travel 1,640 feet and broadcast high-definition video, by the end of the year.

Since the contest was announced in 2007, interest in the Google Lunar XPrize has been high, with 33 teams originally signing up to compete for the $20 million first prize.

Second place is worth $5 million and bonus money is available for accomplishing extra tasks, such as visiting an Apollo landing site or finding water on the moon.

Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc., has produced a documentary series about Lunar XPrize competition.

Five teams remain in the running: Israel's SpaceIL, Florida-based Moon Express, an international team known as Synergy Moon, India's Team Indus and Japan's Hakuto.

> *"We're thrilled to have five contenders that are working from all over the world on this one mission."*
>
> Chanda Gonzales-Mowrer

SpaceIL plans to fly on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, which recently returned to flight following a launch pad accident.

Team Indus and Hakuto will share a ride on an Indian PSLV launcher.

Moon Express is banking on a launch from startup Rocket Lab, which is developing a small rocket called Electron. Whether it wins the XPrize or not, Moon Express is building a business to provide lunar transportation and services, such as research and mineral extraction, Chief Executive Bob Richards said in an interview.

Synergy Moon is counting on one of its partners, Mojave, California-based Interorbital Systems, for its launch aboard a new rocket known as Neptune.

"We're thrilled to have five contenders that are working from all over the world on this one mission," XPrize Senior Director Chanda Gonzales-Mowrer said in an email. The competitions are designed to make big technological leaps in aerospace, medicine, education and other fields by luring new participants and private capital with cash prizes.

The original 2012 deadline for the Google Lunar XPrize has been extended three times, but contest organizers said they will stand by the current timeline which requires teams to launch on or before Dec. 31. REUTERS

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Fossils of utterly huge otter unearthed in China

Scientists have unearthed fossils of an intriguingly large otter as big as a wolf that frolicked in rivers and lakes in a lush, warm and humid wetlands region in southwestern China about 6.2 million years ago.

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The outsized otter, called Siamogale melilutra, weighed about 110 pounds and measured up to 6.5 feet long, making it bigger than any of its cousins alive today, the researchers said on Monday.

"Siamogale melilutra reminds us, I think, of the diversity of life in the past and how many more questions there are still to answer. Who would have imagined a wolf-size otter?" said Denise Su, Cleveland Museum of Natural History curator of paleobotany and paleoecology.

It had enlarged cheek teeth and strong jaws that appear to have been used for crunching hard objects. REUTERS

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Metro US boosts monthly readership to 4 million in print and online

The increased audience in New York, Philadelphia and Boston in 2016 came despite a declining newspaper market.

One million people a day picked up a copy of Metro newspaper in New York, Philadelphia and Boston last year, marking a significant rise in readership amid an otherwise declining market, according to the latest readership survey by Nielsen Scarborough. That represents a 16 percent jump compared to a recent 7 percent dip for other daily print newspapers. The boost translates to more than 138,000 new Metro print readers a day.

Metro US now reaches nearly four million print and digital readers a month.

Breaking down the numbers, a combined 3.4 million people read a copy of Metro in New York, Philadelphia and Boston each month in 2016, and an additional 518,000 nationwide visited Metro.us, according to Google Analytics.

Taken together, the print and digital editions reported a 20 percent spike in readership year over year.

Yggers Mortensen, Metro US publisher and CEO, said he was "delighted that our editorial content resonates with millions of metropolitans — as our growing audience in print and online testifies. I would like to thank our readers for their loyalty, our advertisers for their trust and our staff for their hard work and dedication."

The strong results helped Metro New York reach 1.5 million readers a week in print and online, making it the most read free daily newspaper in Greater New York. Print growth was bolstered by a distribution partnership with the MTA, providing Metro with new racks at 100 subway stations, with each rack holding 700 copies of the paper.

In Philadelphia, Metro's readership jumped 24 percent. It now reaches 743,000 Philadelphians a month and nearly 40 percent of all people working and living in the city.

Boston also marked significant growth last year, with a 13 percent increase in readership and a monthly audience of 451,000. Now, nearly one-third of people living and working in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, read Metro.

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"While most print media vehicles are seeing their audience shrink, Metro's print audience is growing in an increasingly digital and connected world," said Wilf Maunoir, Metro's marketing and research director. "Thanks to Metro's unique editorial formula and innovative free distribution model, Metro is a hybrid media. It combines the benefits of print and transit media."

Metro US can attribute its success to its talented journalists, advertising, sales, marketing and distribution team who help deliver provocative and thoughtful local news and entertainment coverage each day. Standing behind it is Metro's global network of 100 newspapers.

"Metro covers everything you need to know about everything that matters," said Editor in Chief Alek Korab. "It's the best way to overcome FOMO — the fear of missing out — when it comes to hot news, President Donald Trump, the best movies and TV, going out in the city, and looking good doing it. In print and online, our motto is: 'Miss nothing. Know everything.'" METRO

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Chris Brown calls Aziz Ansari 'Aladdin'

There's no person that I want to just go away as much as Chris Brown. Especially today. The noted horrible dude and I guess, singer, clapped back at Aziz Ansari via Instagram on Monday.

The "Master of None" star mentioned Chris Brown during his opening monologue on last week's "Saturday Night Live," likening supporters of Donald Trump to Chris Brown fans. He explained that fans remain steadfast in their loyalty, even if they "don't condone the [individual's] extracurriculars," notes Jezebel.com.

In response Brown, as he is wont to do, went ham. In a super-duper racist Instagram post, Brown wrote: "F—K NO!!!!!! Somebody tell ALADDIN HOP OFF MY D–K!"

Nobody really knows why he did this, but I'm guessing it's just the standard internal terribleness Brown struggles with on a day-to-day basis.

Also, let's be clear. It is superracist to call Ansari "Aladdin." But also? Aladdin was really fine. Sure, he was a liar; sure, he was a street rat; but have you ever seen any other man rock a purple vest with nothing underneath? I don't think so. So my new working theory is that Chris Brown was trying to compliment the comedian, but it came out all wrong and racist and horrible. Better luck next time, my dude.

Paris Jackson says her dad was murdered

Michael Jackson and Debbie Rowe's 18-year-old daughter, Paris-Michael Katherine Jackson, gave an exclusive interview to Rolling Stone, in which she appears as the Lady Madonna and reveals all kinds of intimate family secrets.

As the daughter of the King of Pop, Paris naturally railed back at unsubstantiated claims she might not be the biological offspring of the "Thriller" star. ("People that knew him really well say they see him in me, that it's almost scary.") But she backs one unsubstantiated claim: that her late father was, in fact, murdered.

Rolling Stone writes: "Paris is convinced that her dad was, somehow, murdered. 'Absolutely,' she says. 'Because it's obvious. All arrows point to that. It sounds like a total conspiracy theory and it sounds like bulls—t, but all real fans and everybody in the family knows it. It was a setup. It was bulls—t.'"

Ewan McGregor shut Piers Morgan down

Ewan McGregor has had enough. The "T2 Trainspotting" star took on professional troll Piers Morgan about last weekend's Womens March with one succinct tweet.

"Was going on Good Morning Britain, didn't realise @piersmorgan was host. Won't go on with him after his comments about #WomensMarch," McGregor tweeted Tuesday.

The actor's feed is filled with retweets about the recent inauguration, and it's clear McGregor is concerned about America's political future, which — yeah, same. Morgan had previously written a takedown of the march centered around Madonna who, by the way, was just one of millions of women present. Literal millions. In response to McGregor, the former host of a now-canceled show tweeted back: "I see Ewan McGregor's now had 136k likes for his tweet about me. I've made him popular at last." Sigh.

OK, Piers, boo. Do you feel better now, or is your masculinity still just SO FRAGILE? I'm sure you'll let us know.

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Coming off 2016 election season, we're reminded once again: despite the childhood rhymes, words really can hurt you. But, unsurprisingly, they also have the power to heal, expand the mind and incite joy. Tim Lomas, a lecturer of applied positive psychology at the University of East London, began the Positive Lexicography Project, a reference guide to untranslatable words from around the world. Each word relates to well-being, and for the most part, represents and describes feelings, emotions and expressions that have been condensed by a people or culture into a single, unique word.

Lomas embarked on the project after the 2015 International Positive Psychology Association, where he was introduced to the word *sisu*, a Finnish term meaning "extraordinary courage and determination."

The concept resonated with Lomas, who dove into researching additional words exclusive to languages, and then sorted terms by themes. Lomas crowdsourced much of his analysis, leaving definitions open for rewrites by native speakers.

The result is the Positive Lexicography Project, an evolving resource of roughly 800 untranslatable words; ranging from Sweden's *gökotta*, meaning "waking up early to hear the first birds sing," to *suaimhneas croi*, a Gaelic word that means the "contentment on finishing a task." The list, hosted on Lomas's website, grows as his efforts gain momentum, with readers suggesting additions and redefinitions on the regular while he continues to research the project himself. He is currently in the process of creating an academic book based on his findings.

Lomas hopes the readers can find satisfaction in the ability to articulate things you're already feeling. Or instigate new pleasurable moments. For example, take *hygge* — the Danish term loosely defined as "coziness" that's sweeping the nation.

He adds, "I think these words can lead us to new experiences — identify phenomena we haven't experienced and look for that and develop them into our life."

For more information on Tim Lomas's Positive Lexiconography Project, visit: drtimlomas.com/positive-lexicography. ISTOCK

Words you should know

Agape (Greek; n.): selfless, compassionate, unconditional, devotional love.

Engelengeduld (Dutch; n.): angelic patience (i.e., great patience).

Enraonar (Catalan, v.): to discuss in a civilised, reasoned manner.

Fernweh (German, n.): literally "far pain/sickness" (the opposite of homesickness); the "call of faraway places," longing/homesickness for the unknown.

Saudade (Portuguese; n.): melancholic longing, nostalgia, wistfulness.

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How to be an activist in the era of Trump

Actionable steps you can take, starting now.

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Fight for your rights under the Trump administration. GETTY IMAGES

We have at least four years ahead with Donald Trump as president. That's too much time to spend angry and listless, refreshing Twitter and contemplating a move to Canada. Instead, find ways to channel your fear and rage toward enacting change. From volunteering time (and money), to getting on the phone with your representatives, here's how to get to work — starting today.

Donate to progressive causes

There are several organizations in need of financial support to continue defending our basic human rights. To help protect women's reproductive rights, you can donate to Planned Parenthood, the National Abortion Federation, NARAL Pro-Choice America, among others.

To fight for civil liberties and help protect minorities, donate to the ACLU, the NAACP and the National Immigration Law Center. And that's just naming a few; visit togetherlist.com for more ideas.

Give your time

If you can't afford to make monetary contributions, donating your time can be just as valuable; and there are countless ways to do it. Sign up with your local chapter of the National Organization of Women to escort women to abortion clinics. Look around your own community to see how you can help, from joining Big Brothers Big Sisters of America as a volunteer mentor to underserved youth, to getting involved with local community organizing groups.

Take action the first 100 days

Sign up online for Michael Moore's 100 Days of Resistance — or follow him on Facebook — to receive action alerts for "peaceful acts of resistance" you can do during Trump's first 100 days in office. Actions will target Trump's agenda, from his plan to defund the arts to building a border wall.

The organizers behind the Women's March have also launched a campaign, called 10 Actions /100 Days, which lays out a plan to address a specific issue every 10 days (for 100 days). Sign up at womensmarch.com to receive alerts for each action.

Contact your representatives

If you're unhappy about legislative changes that are already underway, from the repeal of the Affordable Care Act to the confirmation of Trump's cabinet picks, don't just rant about it on Facebook. Voice your dissent directly by making a phone call to your congressmen. (If you're unclear on who they are, visit house.gov/representatives/find/ and put in your ZIP code.)

The site actionagainsttrump.com makes it easy, providing a Google doc with a weekly call to action, including numbers of congressmen to call and sample scripts for what to say on the phone.

Support your local politicians

In the next four years, don't neglect elections in your city and state. Stay informed on the candidates, and most importantly, vote. The next president has to start somewhere. Down the line, you might see some of your local politicians' names on the ballot.

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What 'The Founder' has to say about Trump

John Carroll Lynch sees some similarities between his new McDonald's movie and our new POTUS.

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In "The Founder," now in theaters, John Carroll Lynch and Nick Offerman play Mac and Dick McDonald, the guys who created McDonald's and then had their invention swindled away from them by oily salesman Ray Kroc (Michael Keaton). THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

John Carroll Lynch is one of our favorite "Hey, that guy!" actors. You've seen him everywhere: He's Frances McDormand's husband in "Fargo," Drew Carey's transvestite brother on "The Drew Carey Show" and a staple on "American Horror Story." Right now you can see Lynch as both Lyndon Johnson in "Jackie" and in "The Founder," in which he plays Mac McDonald, one of the two brothers (along with Nick Offerman's Dick) who in the 1950s created a modest chain restaurant called McDonald's —an idea stolen by one Ray Kroc (Michael Keaton), a salesman who took their radical idea national.

This story makes McDonald's looks somehow even worse. It seems they'd make sure it didn't get out.

The story came to the producers 10 years before the movie was made. They read books about it and tried to option them, but they couldn't because McDonald's had purchased them all. They were making a concerted effort to defend the myth and legacy of Ray Kroc. They found a way to make it by meeting with the McDonald brothers' descendants. Dick had children, so they went to them. When they called, they said, "We've been waiting for somebody to call for 50 years."

This is a movie about a businessman who fleeces people to get to the top, all out of an insatiable need for greed. So it's timely.

It's hard not to look at the similarities between Ray Kroc and the famous pitchman who just took office as president of the United States. President Trump has been successful as a pitchman. He's great at it. He's been a successful real estate developer, to some degree, in his lifetime; you could argue about how successful. But the thing he's been most successful at is licensing his name. What does he sell? He sells what he says he sells, which is success and riches.

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And now he's sold a country on it. So now we're going to see if he can deliver for other people. That's not been his strong suit. Ray Kroc was not very successful for many other people than Ray Kroc. After his death, he was extraordinarily successful for the Salvation Army and National Public Radio, because that's where Joan Kroc [his widow] gave all the money to. We'll see what Melania does. Although she may have a prenup.

He's (sort of) loving it

Like a lot of people who grew up in suburban or Midwest America, I grew up on McDonald's, though I can't even imagine eating there now.

I wish I could say I was as big a purist as you. [Laughs] I go to McDonald's on occasion, mostly for breakfast. I love Egg McMuffins. I know what's in it, generally; obviously, it's been chemically enhanced. But when you're flying a lot, you're going to the airport a lot, you see it and say, "I know what that is. I know what I'm going to get." And that's attractive.

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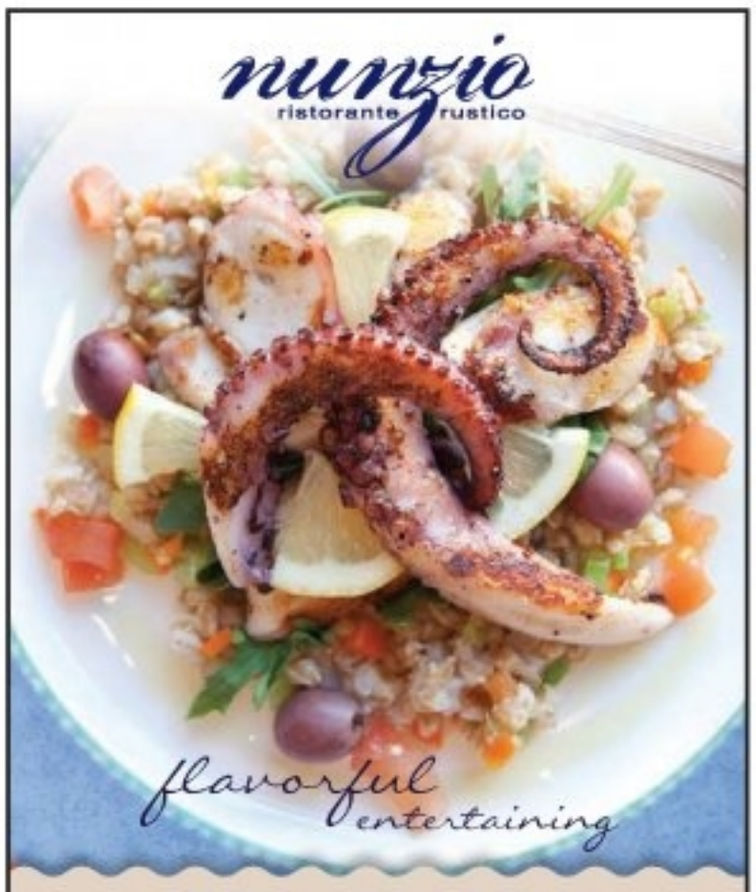
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Gong hey fat choy.

It's the Cantonese expression of wishing someone great happiness and prosperity in the New Year. Master that phrase, because you're going to hear it quite often the next few weeks as the Year of the Rooster begins Jan. 28.

Long after the ball has dropped in Times Square and the champagne goes flat, denizens of Chinatown are busy making preparations for a new year's celebration that doesn't fall on Dec. 31.

Based on the Lunar Calendar, Chinese New Year falls on a different date every year, usually around late January to mid-February. Although there is no Chinese tradition similar to singing "Auld Lang Syne," there are always plenty of fireworks at midnight. Often incorrectly referred to as "dragons," dancers actually come dressed as lions whose task is to chase away evil spirits as they shimmy around firecrackers.

The costumes don't come cheap; the average price is upward of $900. Harry Leung, president of the nonprofit Philadelphia Suns, based in Chinatown, has spent close to $50,000 in performance gear alone. Regardless of cost, performing the lion dance during Chinese New Year holds special meaning to Leung.

"Chinatown is our neighborhood, and lion dancing is part of our culture, so we want to be able to take pride in celebrating our community," he says.

That dedication generates huge crowds in Philly's Chinatown every year. Restaurants are filled and people gather in droves to watch the performances. Excluding the annual Chinatown Night Market, the first Sunday after Chinese New Year is the largest gathering of tourists and locals at an event.

John Chin, executive director of the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corp., says calls inquiring about the Chinese New Year Parade come from as far as Reading.

"I love the fact that people want to celebrate the different cultures the city has to offer," he says.

Good food certainly helps. Michael Chow, owner of the Sang Kee empire, is proud to say his loyal patrons come from as far as Baltimore to stake a claim on his famous roast duck. A couple blocks down at Vietnam Restaurant, the covers double during this particular weekend. However, it's not all dining-in service.

It's custom for Chinese families to have roast duck, roast pig and chicken as sides for this celebratory meal.

"Chinese people are not only very superstitious but take things very literally," says Melody Wong, a lifelong Chinatown resident. "We'll have oranges and tangerines because the Chinese pronunciation 'gum' sounds similar to the word gold. Fish, pronounced 'yoo' sounds like surplus."

Of course, there is always room for sweets as well. The tray of togetherness is an eight (a lucky number in Chinese culture) tray assortment of sweetened fruits and vegetables to go with your tea. They include red watermelon seeds, candied lotus root, candied

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coconut and candied winter melon — which are all said to be symbolic of a great new year.

The superstitions don't end with food. All of Chinatown's restaurants may be open during Chinese New Year, but one business that isn't may surprise you.

It is bad luck to cut or wash your hair on the first of the year, because you wouldn't want to "wash" or "cut" away all that good fortune. For children, there's even more incentive to follow tradition: Being good means getting red envelopes filled with money. Families are known to give this "lai see" to their kids as means of bestowing good luck.

Want to take part in the festivities? Head to Chinatown on Friday, Jan. 27 at 11:30 p.m. for a lion dance at midnight to welcome the New Year, and return Sunday, Jan. 29 for an all-day parade beginning at 11 a.m. Many restaurants in the neighborhood, (including Sang Kee, Yakitori Boy and others) will offer special menus and prizes for its patrons.

The neighborhood's newest eatery, Chinatown Square, will unveil eight new culinary concepts to accompany its Thai rolled-ice-cream shop and gyro destination Halal Guys.

"Chinese New Year is a celebration of culture. When we celebrate culture, we expand our horizons," says Leung.

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Bar Hygge

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Don't try to pigeonhole Spring Garden; it's too varied. It's neither preciously quaint, like some of the city's historic neighborhoods, nor aggressively edgy. Spring Garden is rather the reflection of waves of growth and change throughout the years, with corner bars abutting Victorian mansions, and quiet residential streets scant blocks from bustling commercial thoroughfares.

Mark Bojanowski, director of the investment division of Kurfiss Sotheby's International Realty, describes it as "a mix of old and new, large and small," and says "many of the streets are very attractive in the way that only exists in old cities like Philadelphia, with the layering that takes place over hundreds of years."

Like many Philadelphia neighborhoods, Spring Garden's boundaries here are a bit hazy, though perhaps best described as Vine Street to the south, Fairmount Avenue to the north, Pennsylvania Avenue to the west and Broad Street to the east.

As real-estate trends in the neighborhood demonstrate, Spring Garden continues to evolve. Bojanowski and team members Dennis Carlisle and James Elliott cite "everything from the rehabilitation of smaller homes to new housing that runs from carriage houses to substantial modern classics" as evidence of the neighborhood's vitality. High-end new construction is a particular growth area, they report, such as the million-dollar-plus homes recently built along the 1500 and 1600 blocks of North Street and the western edge of Spring Garden. The area also boasts mid-rise and high-rise buildings, such as Museum Towers, where Tower Two is under construction. "While there is still more to develop in this neighborhood," they say, "the inventory is shrinking," driving new development into the Francisville neighborhood north of Fairmount Avenue.

Locals appreciate Spring Garden's livability. Lindsay Weiner, a bartender at neighborhood favorite Kelliann's

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corner bar, raves about its convenience. "It's an easy walk to Center City, and the Broad Street [subway] line is right up the street," making the trek to and from the Sports Complex on what she dubs "The Kelliann's Express" quick and simple. She also appreciates the access to arts and open space, citing the neighborhood's proximity to the Art Museum and Kelly Drive.

Bojanowski points out that, "besides being walkable to Center City, there is plenty of infrastructure for the residents ... including fine restaurants ... along with simpler good venues." A recent addition is Bar Hygge, named for the Danish concept of "coziness and comfortable conviviality," a trait it shares with the Spring Garden neighborhood itself.

Bar Hygge co-owner Stew Keener says what drew him and his partners to Spring Garden was the community. "There's an active community development corporation and civic association, who loved the concept for Bar Hygge and were very supportive. That sense of residents' involvement is also apparent in the magnificent community garden, which has a two-year waitlist."

Perhaps most of all, Keener and his partners — who live nearby — liked the idea of making a commitment to their own neighborhood, and pioneering its evolution. "Spring Garden is ripe for growth," he says. "It's becoming a lifestyle neighborhood."

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‘Como familia’: Phillies roster could be majority Latino in 2017

The Phillies’ top prospects are vying to become part of one of Major League Baseball’s most Hispanic ball clubs.

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Phillies prospects Elniery Garcia and Victor Anaro don’t speak English, so they had to answer questions through a translator.

And even though sportswriters don’t speak fluent Spanish, reporters at Citizens Bank Park for a recent prospect media availability heard at least one word they recognized before it was swapped into English — “familia.”

Even Jorge Alfaro, the Colombian catcher whose English is getting better and better, uttered the word, but cleaned things up to say, “even in spring training we are all together, we are like a family. We are pushing for everybody. It’s really nice to be on a team where everybody cares about you.”

Alfaro was talking both about the Phillies front office and coaching staff, and his teammates.

The Phillies suited up 12 players of Hispanic descent in July of last season — 48 percent of their 25-man roster. In comparison, the percentage of players who were born outside the 50 United States on 2016 opening day rosters was 27.5 percent.

Philadelphia’s leaders in batting average (Cesar Hernandez, Venezuela), stolen bases (Odubel Herrera, Venezuela), home runs, RBI (both Maikel Franco, Dominican Republic), ERA (Hertor Neris, Dominican Republic) and saves (Jeanmar Gomez, Venezuela) were all Latin players last season.

Which makes the Phillies’ Hispanic flavor not only an unavoidable attribute of the team’s character, but also makes it an appealing destination for prospects like Garcia.

“If I can be on a team full of Latinos, it is great,” the pitcher who went 12-6 with a 2.68 ERA in Clearwater last year said. “To be part of the same team, we can do great things together.”

Garcia hails from the Dominican Republic, and fellow Clearwater pitching prospect Anaro (who is from Mexico) feels right at home as he tries to make the same leap from Single-A ball to the higher rungs of the minors.

“It would be a great experience if I could be part of this team,” Anaro continued, through a translator (which MLB required each team to hire in 2016). “It feels like family. When you play with so many Latino players it feels like brothers. And even the American players help you, too.”

Most of the Phillies core pieces (currently on the roster) are of Latino descent. GETTY IMAGES

The 2017 Opening Day roster could have as many as 13 Hispanic players on it, potentially making the team majority Latino.

After the recent jettison of American stars like Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins, Cole Hamels and Ryan Howard, the team is turning a new page and has new leadership. And it’s plainly obvious the Latin American stars are the future of the historic ball club.

The Phillies recently made their star outfielder Herrera a rich man, guaranteeing the former Rule 5 draft pick $30.5 million. This gives the current face of the franchise five more seasons in South Philly.

And to prepare for the future, the team is continuing to invest in it’s Latin American Program, one that has fueled players like Franco, Freddy Galvis (Venezuela), Hernandez, Neris and Carlos Ruiz (Panama) to the big leagues. They signed some of South and Central America’s best 16-year-old players to deals earlier in the winter.

A whopping 14 of the Phillies top-30 prospects hail from somewhere in Latin America — so the trend is not likely to change anytime soon.

So perhaps Phillies fans should learn the phrase “somos familia,” as the team continues to rebuild and reach toward another era of contending.

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Alfaro looking to state his case as Phils' catcher of the future

Will the Phillies highly acclaimed catching prospect make the team in 2017?

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Last season, catching prospect Jorge Alfaro went on a wild ride.

After being traded to the Phillies organization as part of the Cole Hamels trade to the Rangers in 2015, Alfaro started the season in Double-A Reading where he tore minor league pitching apart (he started the season hitting .500 (18-for-36) — winning the minor league player of the month award before suffering a minor injury midseason.

He hit .285 and flashed a little power with 15 homers and 67 RBI for the Fightins' and was called up for six games with the Phillies last August. Both Alfaro and the Phillies hope it was just the start of a long big league career.

"I won't want to go back down there," the Colombian said. "Nobody wants that. My motivation is a dream that I had when I was a little kid. I come from a town that doesn't have that much baseball. I think that's what motivates me every day when I get to the field and do my job, do my work and keep working hard for what I want."

Alfaro was named the best defensive catcher in the minors by Baseball America and was lucky enough to learn and develop, however briefly, with Carlos Ruiz as a mentor before the Phils' World Series-winning catcher was traded to the Dodgers.

"I talk to Carlos [Ruiz] a lot," Alfaro said. "We didn't have a lot of time together but when I did have the chance I tried to ask him a lot about his career. You can tell whenever you talk to him that he really wants to help you.

"People like Andres Blanco, Freddy Galvis, Ryan Howard — and even the young guys, they have really good advice. Whenever I ask a question they give good answers that help me a lot to learn."

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ACCORDING TO MLB.COM'S MOST RECENT PROSPECT RANKINGS, JORGE ALFARO IS THE THIRD BEST YOUNG CATCHER IN THE MINORS.

The Phillies have just three catchers on their 40-man roster. Cameron Rupp will surely start the season as the opening day catcher, but the Phils are hoping he eventually becomes the back up to Alfaro, who will try and make the team in spring training. Andrew Knapp is the other catcher on Philadelphia's roster.

With little competition and high expectations (Alfaro has been a top-100 prospect for over three years now), the 23-year-old could be feeling the pressure. But he somehow find a way to maintain an even keel.

"I don't really pay attention to that," Alfaro said. "Whenever I get to the field I keep doing what I'm doing. I hustle and give 100 percent in practice every day. I don't try and put pressure on myself. I come to the field and do my job. I get ready for the game."

Jorge Alfaro is expected to make it back to the majors in 2017. GETTY IMAGES

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These days, when a big name general manager from Organization A. and a big name player who has been mentioned in trade rumors from Organization B. are breathing the same air at a party — that constitutes as a trade rumor. So when Denver GM John Elway and Cowboys QB Tony Romo were spotted at the victory party for House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R) this past week, that got Broncos fans buzzing.

Things worked out great for Peyton Manning in Denver when he signed there in 2012 at the age of 36. Coincidentally, Romo is 36 right now and — like Manning was five years ago— is battling significant injuries. Don't be surprised if Elway rolls the dice again.

FISHY STORY

Instead of suiting up for Super Bowl LI in 11 days, former Patriots linebacker Brandon Spikes will likely be mulling legal options. Spikes, who played with the Buffalo Bills this past season, had a portion of his paychecks garnished this past season because he didn't pay "The Fish Guy."

"The Fish Guy" is an "aquatic services" company in Massachusetts that transports aquatic creatures — among other things. Spikes had his tropical fish and aquarium moved from Rhode Island to Buffalo a couple years back by "The Fish Guy," but the linebacker just never paid up apparently. Spikes' attorney claimed in 2015 that Spikes shouldn't have to pay because some of the fish died during transportation.

LOATHSOME LIZ

NFL players need to stop having sex with an Instagram model named Elizabeth Ruiz, like yesterday. Ruiz (pictured here, right, with 50 Cent and Jasmin Cadavid) more or less tried to blackmail Broncos star Von Miller a few months back, threatening to release a sex tape, and now she's kissing and telling about the size of another NFL star's manhood. Ruiz said this week that Redskins wide receiver DeSean Jackson had a small pee-pee in an interview with Hollywood Unlocked.

"This is not to throw shade at him, like he is a really good person and a really sweet guy — down to earth. We're just talking about sex, and with him it was, just, like so … dead," Ruiz said.

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Across

1 Seismic event
6 Druid, for one
10 Hurt all over
14 Lobbies for
15 Burma neighbor
16 Le Sage's "Gil --"
17 Asimov of sci-fi
18 Drury Lane composer
19 Sudden shock
20 Having a piece of
22 Utter a sigh
23 Tinned meat
24 Rain gear
26 Hula strings
29 Lamb's pen name
31 Toward the stern
32 Attila subject
33 Dispatch
34 Applied gold leaf
38 Bettor's concern
40 Talk a lot
42 Olden times
43 Quieted
46 Rowdy crowds
49 -- -- few rounds
50 Prefix for an ear doctor
51 Bird-feeder treat
52 9-digit ID
53 Border town
57 Frog step
59 Teen bane
60 Discoloring
65 Blend
66 Motor's sound
67 "M*A*S*H" site
68 Major nuisance
69 Sorrel or bay
70 Pass, as a bill
71 Lath
72 Able to be verified
73 Cubicle fillers

Down

1 Smart remark
2 Big Dipper bear
3 Culture dish goo
4 Romantic poet
5 Makes a getaway
6 Alleging
7 Hold down a job
8 Pines
9 Mao -- -tung
10 Disconsolately
11 Billowing garment
12 Split in two
13 Organic compound
21 Curly-leafed veggie
22 Stereo (hyph.)
25 Hang back
26 "Oops!" (hyph.)
27 Spiral-horned antelope
28 Boundaries
30 First veep
35 Some boxers
36 Psyche's suitor
37 Faculty honcho
39 Oughtn't
41 French port
44 Coup d'--
45 Grandee's title
47 Borscht veggie
48 Like some gamblers' decks
53 Packs a pipe bowl
54 Just right
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58 Make a call
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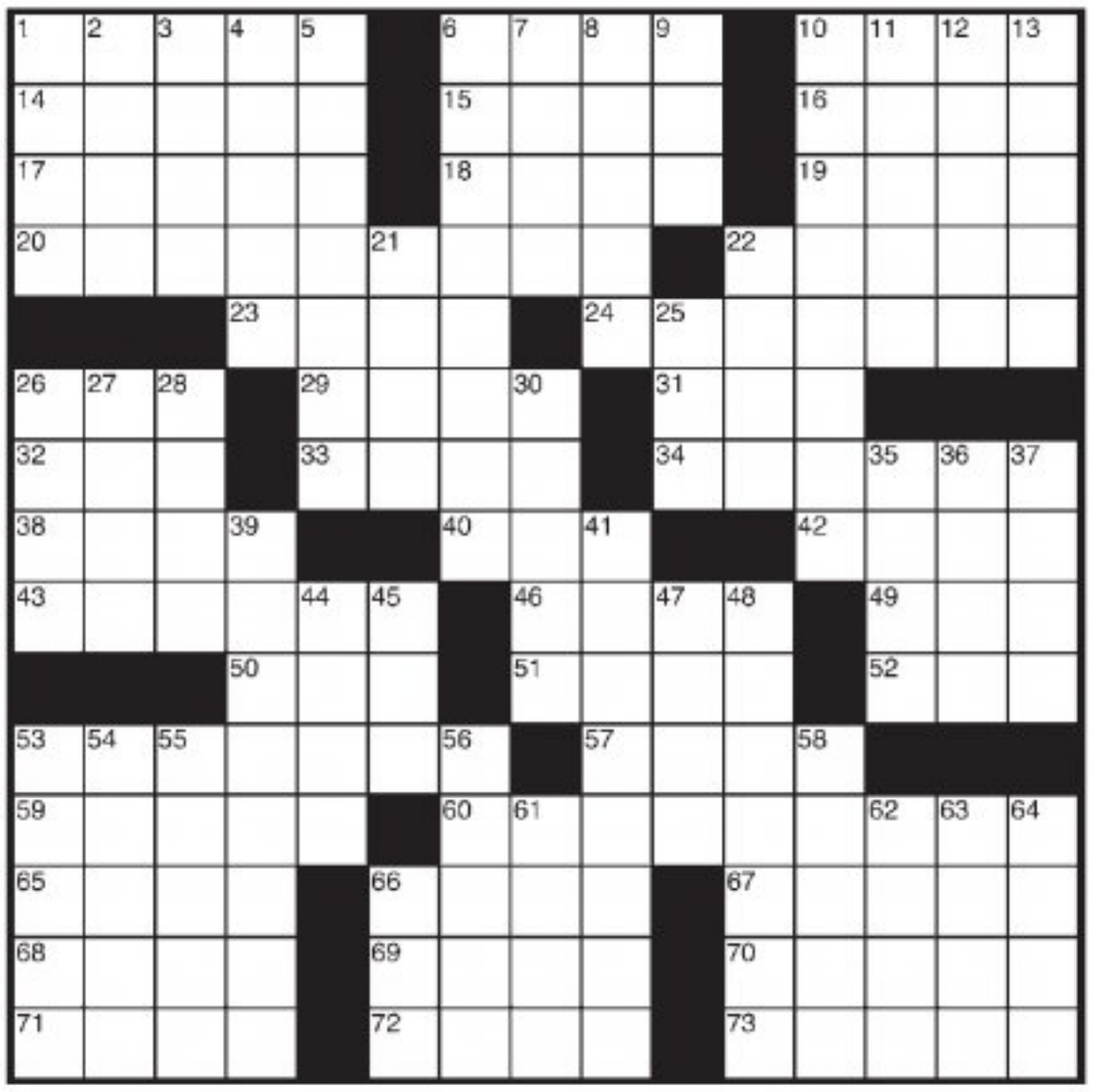

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Aries Don't leave anything to chance. Take care of your responsibilities and finish what you start. Living up to what's expected of you will help you avoid criticism and discord.

Taurus Taking a short trip or attending a function or trade show will be informative. Focus on generating ideas that will allow you to use your skills to help yourself.

Gemini Keep your distance from anyone trying to use or take advantage of you. Do the research required to ensure that you aren't being scammed.

Cancer Spend time working out any problems you face with personal or business partners. Communication will stabilize your situation and encourage a fast success.

Leo Take the initiative and learn what you need to know in order to improve your life. You'll gain stability and improve your reputation and status if you are forthright.

Virgo Getting together with peers will give you greater insight and confidence to move forward with your plans. Put your energy behind your ideas.

Libra Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone pressure you into something that isn't in your best interest. A change in a relationship due to excessive behavior can be expected.

Scorpio Extra income is attainable if you expand one of your interests to create a marketable service. Don't sell yourself short. You've got plenty to offer.

Sagittarius Look for a way to reconnect with people you have worked or played with in the past. When in doubt, you are best off relying on tried-and-true methods.

Capricorn Delays while traveling or dealing with institutions or government agencies can be expected. Make sure you have all your papers in order.

Aquarius You must live up to your promises. Make an effort to participate in things. Offer suggestions, solutions and insight. Step into the spotlight and do your best.

Pisces Getting involved in functions going on in your community or reconnecting with people you have worked with in the past will lead to interesting offers. EUGENIA LAST

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